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SUBJECT: MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE ON DEATH OF UAE MINISTER OF STATE

REF: ABU DHABI 3017

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, UAE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHUBBASH WAS STRUCK AND KILLED AT ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THIS MORNING BY ASSASSIN'S BULLETS INTENDED FOR DEPARTING SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM. NO INFORMATION IS YET AVAILABLE ON UAEG OR FAMILY'S INTENTIONS RE FUNERAL BUT ANTICIPATE THAT IN ACCORDANCE MUSLIM CUSTOM GHUBBASH WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW, PROBABLY IN RAS AL-KHAIMAH OF WHICH HE WAS NATIVE. DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF NATIONAL MOURNING FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS EXPECTED.

2. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HOPE AND STRONGLY URGE THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER TRANSMITTAL OF APPROPRIATE MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO UAE FONMIN AHMAD SUWAIDI. BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED GESTURE WERE SECRETARY TO SEND BRIEF SEPARATE MESSAGE TO SAIF'S WIDOW, MRS. LUDMILA GHUBBASH. ALTHOUGH SAIF GHUBBASH WAS NOMINALLY NUMBER TWO AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, HE IN FACT FUNCTIONED AS FOREIGN MINISTER FOR MOST DAY-TO-DAY MATTERS AS SUWAIDI WAS CONSTANTLY
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BUSY WITH OTHER MATTERS ASSIGNED BY SHAIKH ZAYID. HE WAS OFFICIALLY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND ATTENDED MOST CABINET MEETINGS AS FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE.

3. IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD ALSO ADVOCATE BRIEF MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRESIDENT TO UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH

ZAYID. UAE LEADERSHIP, FOLLOWING TODAY'S SHOOTING AND
LAST WEEK'S HIJACKING EPISODE AT DUBAI AIRPORT, WILL BE
LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT ABROAD.
REASSURANCE THAT USG AT HIGHEST LEVEL SHARES THEIR GRIEF
OVER DEATH OF HIGHLY-RESPECTED AND WELL LIKED SENIOR OFFICIAL
WOULD BE DOUBLY APPRECIATED AT THIS TIME.
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